

House Resolution No. 405

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize young men who have excelled during their association with the Boy Scouts of America program with its emphasis on physical, mental, and spiritual growth; self-reliance; personal values; service to others; and an appreciation and understanding of the wonderful natural world; and

Whereas, Joel Michael Edwards of Troop 314 has successfully completed all of the stringent requirements for Scouting's highest advancement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, which will be bestowed upon him during an Eagle Court of Honor on March 13, 2005, at Platte Woods United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, attainment of the Eagle Scout rank is dependent upon the sequential completion of each of the Boy Scout steps of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, and expected troop service, a requirement admirably fulfilled by Joel through the billets of Patrol Leader, Librarian, Instructor, and Troop Guide; and

Whereas, diligent labors by Joel earned him induction into the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood, Brave status in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and thirty-six merit badges which are arrayed on his uniform sash as a visual illustration of the diverse skills and knowledge which he has acquired as a Boy Scout; and

Whereas, in keeping with Scouting practice, Joel applied the knowledge which he learned at troop meetings in many camping, hiking, and service activities, including five sessions at summer camp; and

Whereas, Joel completed an Eagle Project which consisted of building and installing two firewood shelters for the campfire site at Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville to serve as a capstone to his Scouting career and to stand as a constant reminder of his dedication to serving others, an admirable trait which justifies the esteemed role which Scouting plays in today's society:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the outstanding achievements realized by Joel Edwards during his eight-year-long sojourn with Scouting and to congratulate him for having the drive and energy necessary to attain the rank of Eagle; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for new Eagle Scout Joel Michael Edwards, son of Charles and Deborah Edwards of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Susan C. Phillips
District No. 32

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 405, adopted February 9, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker